

Career Options Grassy Narrows



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Welcome to Grassy Narrows

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Community Name

Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation

Grassy Narrows First Nation

Tribal Council

Bimose

Provincial Territorial Organization

Grand Council Treat #3

Access

Drive-in community on all Weather
road

Population

1,100

Languages Spoken

Ojibway And English



Sakatcheway Anishinabe School

The Grassy Narrows Education Authority believes that the best education for the children of Grassy Narrows is one which is designed and operated by the parents and community members. The education program is a right of each Band member and the GNEA has been developed to protect and maintain the quality of the education program.

The philosophy of the Sakatcheway Anishinabe School is to provide all students with a foundation in the culture, skills, and traditions that the Ojibway people will need to function in the modern world and to ensure that each student is equipped to make sound decisions about their life. The elders of our community have told us that each person has his or her own special gifts.

The education program will enable each individual to learn their gift and learn how to develop it in the future.



Sakatcheway was the name of one Chief who signed Treaty 3 with the Federal government





School Facilities

Grassy Narrows has a new modern school building built in 1995, with an elementary and high school wing.

School Population

180-220

Grades JK to 12

School Mandate

"Strong in both worlds"

Key People

Principal

Guidance

Department Heads

Lead Teachers

Reception

Events

Powwows

Christmas Concert

Winter Games





School Amenities

Classrooms

All classrooms have new 2021 Smartboards. New furnishings are being purchased each year for classrooms. They are fully outfitted with necessary manipulatives and teaching resources.

Playground

In the 2021-22 school year steps were taken to create playground activities that will be linked to the Phys. Ed. Curriculum and linked cross-curricular to Math, Language, Music and Dance. The Playground also has its own Mini Forest and School Garden Area.



Learning Hub

The Resource Center is a place where students are supported in an environment that is safe and fun. We seek to create experiences for students that support learning and foster self-esteem. The center provides learning opportunities that meet the needs of our students. The center provides assessment and programming services to determine how best to support our students on their journey of learning.





School Amenities (Cont.)

Music

The school has its own Music Teacher that runs a Music program. The teacher helps classroom teachers in preparing students for school concerts, as well as running the music curriculum



Gym & Stage

The Sakatchewan Anishnabie school has a full size gym with a Stage area. The school has a dedicated Phys. Ed teacher running the Elementary Program. Many after school programs as well as Right To Play are run through the gym such as the First Aid Training, Professional Development and some of the School Feasts.



Greenhouse

The school has a full size commercial style Greenhouse. Learning has been structured around hands-on activities such as raised planters, science curriculum such as soils, living things. Math curriculum such as ratios and measurement. Also linked to Language with Journaling, research and the School Newsletter.



High School Programs

Outdoor Education / Experiential Learning

Outdoor Education programming is available to students K-12. The Outdoor Education classes have taken “once in a lifetime” canoe trips tracing historical routes. In 2014 the class went from Grassy Narrows to White Dog. In 2015, the class canoed from Grassy Narrows to Kenora.

Industrial Arts

This course introduces students to building materials and processes through opportunities to design and build various construction projects. Students will learn to create and read working drawings; become familiar with common construction materials, components, and processes; and perform a variety of fabrication, assembly, and finishing operations. They will use a variety of hand and power tools. Students will develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues related to construction technology, and will explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the industry. The school took the opportunity to apply their knowledge to create functional pieces for the greenhouse in the form of raised planting boxes.





High School (Cont.)

Culinary

This is course is for the beginner to learn basic food preparation skills. Topics include food safety, proper knife skills, recipe reading, proper equipment use, microwave cooking and an introduction to baking techniques. Students spend the majority of classroom time in a culinary lab setting practicing techniques.

Greenhouse

The school has a full sized greenhouse and will be planting a large school based garden in the upper field. There exists in the high school the opportunity to create their own horticultural courses linked with the land based practices “The philosophy behind garden-based education is actually an amalgamation of the philosophies behind experiential education, ecological literacy and environmental awareness, and agricultural literacy. In other words,



it involves teaching children through personal discovery in natural settings, where they learn ecological principles that govern all life, as well as develop a sense of connection with the land.”

From: littlegreenthumbs.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/GardenBasedLearninginBasicEducation_4H.pdf

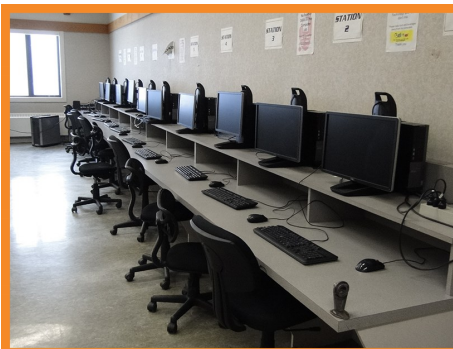


High School (Cont.)

Multi Media Art

In addition to compulsory courses, the high school offers specialized focus courses; such as Multi Media Art. The school is equipped with a state-of-the-art Vocalbooth, video editing software, digital cameras and a computer lab.

Sakatchewan Anishinabe School offers a full curriculum for High School students; approved and inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education. The high school is housed in a separate wing of the school.





The Stories of Grassy Narrows

A grant awarded by the Ontario Arts Council to the school for the project known as the Stories of Grassy Narrows.

This is a project started by Elders in the community and documented in video by the High School students. The Stories of Grassy Narrows Project incorporates this documented audio video and will continue the current practice of sharing cultural history through storytelling with a new direction through visual art representation.

The Native Language & Cultural teacher teaches the stories to all Elementary Grades. Classroom teachers allow time within the Visual Arts block for students to complete artwork for the stories that will be published. These books will become part of a reading program being developed for the community of Grassy Narrows that are part of personally written material by local people.

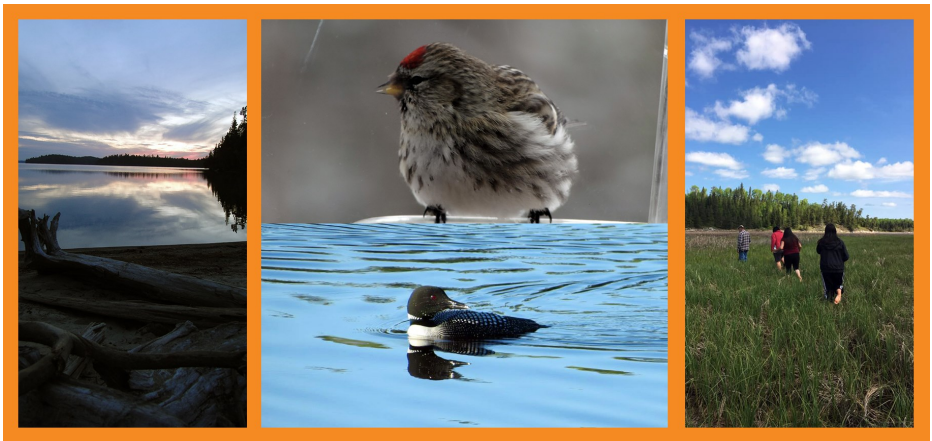




The Land

The Boreal Forest which incorporates Lake of the Woods (LOTW) and Grassy Narrows has many wetlands, ponds, rivers and lakes with the water flowing to the Arctic watershed. They provide important habitats for Beaver, Muskrat and Mink. Characteristic mammals of this ecozone are Woodland Caribou, White-tailed Deer, Moose, Black Bear, Wolf, Lynx, Snowshoe Hare, Fisher, Marten, Striped Skunk and Red Fox. Many of the local people still collect plants and use them for medicinal purposes.

<http://www.ecozones.ca/english/zone/BorealShield/index.html>





Grassy Narrows is located on Garden Lake. Wilderness, canoeing, and fishing are readily accessible. Birds species commonly seen in the community include Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Hawks, Boreal Owls, Red Polls, Grosbeaks, Chickadees, Loons, Trumpeter Swans, Ducks, Canada Geese, Blue Jays and the Ontario provincial bird the “Whiskey Jack” known as the Gray Jay. Fish such as Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, and others are common in the area’s lakes.



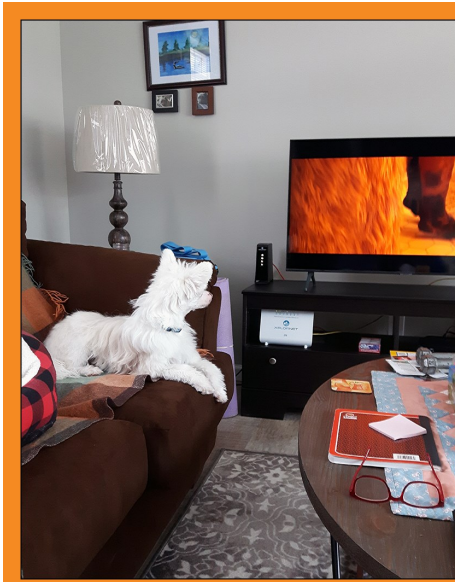
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Teacherages

All our teacherages are brand new, and additional new teacherages are still being built as of 2023. Our teacherages come fully furnished, with a washer & dryer, beds, sofas, kitchen tables, and so on.





Additionally, our teacherages include utilities free of charge, along with Satellite TV, Internet. Our teacherages are also pet friendly.





Teacher Perks

- Access to our fully outfitted Exercise Room
- Benefit & Pension Package
- Two paid AQ courses (possibility)
- Professional Development during school year.





Around Grassy Narrows

Additionally, there are many places to visit within driving distance from Grassy Narrows.



Kenora

1 hour drive

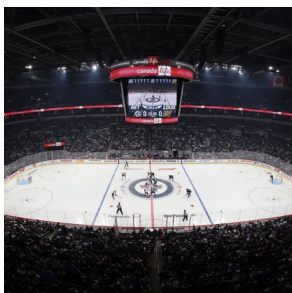
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Dryden

2 hour drive

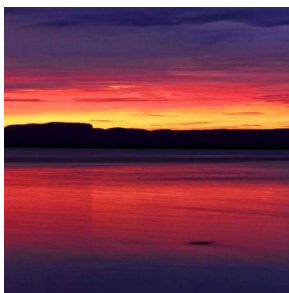
<https://www.dryden.ca>



Winnipeg

2.5 hour drive

<https://www.tourismwinnipeg.com>



Thunder Bay

6 hour drive

<https://www.visitthunderbay.com>



The Community

The residents of Grassy Narrows are very friendly and inviting. They are a very active community.

Regular Activities

Sports and cultural activities are offered in the community.

Arena

There is a recently refurbished arena in the community.

Trappers Centre

Family group meetings

Trapper courses

First aid training

Firearms certificate

Facilitate community meetings

Grassy Narrows Multipurpose Complex

In the evenings, it is used as the community centre. Teachers are encouraged to be a part of the events and festivities.

Spring Break

Fall Harvest

Winter Carnival

Hockey Tournaments

Community Fishing Derbies

Christmas and Halloween Parade

Culture Week

Radio Bingo

Baking and Cooking Contests

Powwows



Ondaas!



Local Activities & Services

The reserve is connected to areas beyond by local roads connecting with Highway 671. This highway provides connection to Kenora 68.7 KM (42.7 mi) to the south).

Banks: CIBC, RBC, BMO, TD, Cop-perfin Credit Union, Scotia Bank.

Pharmacies: The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, I.D.A., Kenora Medical Centre Pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tilley's Pharmasave, Loblaw's Pharmacy, Johnson's Pharmacy, No frills Pharmacy, Walmart Pharmacy, Rexall Pharmacy, Keewatin Drug Store Pharmacy.

Groceries: Safeway, Tracy's No Frills, Rabbit Lake General Store, M&M Food Market, Consumers Frosted Foods (Local Butcher), Wholesale Club, Walmart, Keewatin Place, Gropp's Old Tyme Meat Shop

Coffee Shops: Starbucks (in Safeways), Tim Hortons.

Emergency Phone Numbers

First Response Team

807-468-3377

807-925-2652

Grassy Narrows Medical Center

807-925-2850

807-925-2851

Telehealth Ontario

1-866-767-0000

Fire

807-925-2323

Treaty 3 Police

807-925-2221

OPP

807-548-5534

807-468-3357

Poison Control

1-800-268-9017

Hydro One

1-800-434-1235

1-888-664-9376

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